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- 11. LEAD STORIES: All papers on Tuesday morning frontpaged the GOJ's move to arrange a summit between Prime Minister Hatoyama and President Obama next week in Copenhagen so that the premier can directly explain to the President the Japanese administration's current position on Futenma relocation.
- 12. "Denuclearization Must Be Thoroughly Pursued" On the planned visit to North Korea by a USG delegation led by Special Representative Bosworth, the liberal Mainichi editorialized (12/8): "The situation in which nuclear threats by an abnormal autocratic state are continuing must be resolved at all costs. The goal [of denuclearizing North Korea] can only be achieved if the U.S. shares and upholds this position with Japan and South Korea. We would like to [Bosworth] to make patient and uncompromising efforts.... Some in the U.S. are openly saying: 'Complete denuclearization of North Korea is impossible for the time being. It would be better if the proliferation of nuclear weapons [by North Koreal to terrorist organizations or roque states can be prevented.'" This means that North Korea's possession of a small amount of nuclear weapons or materials would be acceptable. If this 'for the time being' is prolonged, Japan cannot accept it. Denuclearization must be thoroughly pursued."
- 13. "Foreign Minister Should Risk His Post to Persuade Prime Minister" The conservative Sankei asserted in an editorial (12/7): "The time has come for Foreign Minister Okada to put his job on the line and persuade Prime Minister Hatoyama to settle the Futenma deadlock swiftly. The delay in a conclusion is undermining the foundation of Japan's national security and now runs the risk of damaging national interests. Does PM Hatoyama share the view stated by FM Okada that a reduction in the security burden on Okinawa will move

14. "Russia, India Enhance Ties" On Russian President Medvedev's summit with Indian Prime Minister Singh in Moscow on Monday, the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri wrote (12/8): "The two leaders agreed that Russia will sell an aircraft carrier to India, and signed a comprehensive cooperation pact concerning the peaceful use of nuclear power. The two states, which are enjoying a larger say in the international arena as major emerging powers, have made it clear that they will deepen their friendly ties in such strategic areas as military and energy."

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